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1. [REDACTED] the French have established themselves concretely in the Fezzan, and may be expected to put forth a real effort to incorporate the Fezzan into Algeria. [REDACTED] the basic French arguments for the retention of the Fezzan will be based upon the following: 25X1X6

- a. Right of conquest;
- b. Geographical;
- c. Ethnic;
- d. The "generally unsound British colonial policy" and the "desire of the Arabs to be administered by the French". 25X1X6

2. [REDACTED] the French in exchange for advocating the restoration of Italy's control over Libya will expect Italy to permit the French to retain the Fezzan.

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